

## **In the Claims:**

Please add the following claims 25 to 35 and cancel claims 10 to 13, 15 to 18, and 20 to 24 without prejudice:

Claims 1 to 24.(canceled)

25.(new) A method of preserving a perishable cosmetic preparation, said method comprising the step of adding bioactive glass particles having particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) less than or equal to 400  $\mu\text{m}$  to said cosmetic preparation, so that said cosmetic preparation contains from 0.1 to 25 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles after said adding;

wherein said bioactive glass particles consist of from 40 to 60 percent by weight  $\text{SiO}_2$ , from 10 to 30 percent by weight  $\text{CaO}$ , from 10 to 35 percent by weight  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , from 2 to 8 percent by weight  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , from 0 to 25 percent by weight of  $\text{CaF}_2$ , from 0 to 10 percent by weight  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ , from 0 to 8 percent by weight of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , and from 0 to 5 percent by weight  $\text{MgO}$ .

26.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said preparation contains from 1 percent by weight to 10 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles after the adding.

27.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) are less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

28.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) are less than or equal to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29.(new) A cosmetic preparation that comes into contact with skin, said cosmetic preparation containing no organic chemical preservative compounds and from 0.1 to 25 percent by weight of bioactive glass particles;

wherein the bioactive glass particles consist of from 40 to 60 percent by weight  $\text{SiO}_2$ , from 10 to 30 percent by weight  $\text{CaO}$ , from 10 to 35 percent by weight  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ , from 2 to 8 percent by weight  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , from 0 to 25 percent by weight of  $\text{CaF}_2$ , from 0 to 10 percent by weight  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ , from 0 to 8 percent by weight of  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , and from 0 to 5 percent by weight  $\text{MgO}$ ; and

wherein the bioactive glass particles have particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) less than or equal to 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

30.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) are less than or equal to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and said preparation contains from 1 percent by weight to 10 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles.

31.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) are less than or equal to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

32.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes ( $d_{50}$ ) are less than or equal to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

33.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said preparation contains from 0.1 percent by weight to 7 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles.

34.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, consisting of a cosmetic cream for application to the skin, a cosmetic lotion for application to the skin, a lipstick, or a make-up composition.

35.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, consisting of a liquid that contains no alcohol and wherein said bioactive glass particles have a refractive index that is close enough to that of said liquid so that said bioactive glass particles are substantially invisible to an observer and thus do not affect preparation appearance.